GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT BY BSF PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Border Security Force (BSF) personnel took voluntary retirement in 2009 alone;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to control such cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government to check such cases and improve the working condition of BSF personnel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. 6319 BSF personnel proceeded on voluntary retirement during the year 2009. Some of the main reason are:-

Admissibility of full pension after rendering 20 years of qualifying service after implementation of the Sixth Central Pay Commission's recommendations.

Posting in remote areas and stressful working conditions.

Non-availability of 'peace time posting' in Border Security Force.

Lack of promotion avenues.

Prolonged period of separation from family.

Personal and domestic compulsions.

Perceived inadequate compensation.

Availability of alternative employment opportunities in private sector.

(c) to (e): Yes Madam. The following steps have been taken to control such cases:-

Provision of better living conditions and amenities in Boarder Out Posts and other establishments.

Grant of increased Risk and Hardship Allowance.

Improvement in promotion avenues by expansion of the Border Security Force.

Provision of Reserve Battalions to ensure rest, relief and training to the troops.

Encouragement of troops to keep families at family stations.

Troops are permitted to avail leave more than twice in a calendar year.

In Border Out Posts, Jawans are given adequate rest and relief by providing one day off in a week and six hours uninterrupted sleep every day.

Sanction of Key Location Plans in hinterland to facilitate posting of troops in their home State.

Provision of Separated Family Accommodation to the Force personnel in various prime locations in the country.